

Meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 25, 2008 at the Lakeshore General Hospital facility

This bulletin contains a brief synopsis of the main items of interest discussed during the Board of Directors' meeting of the West Island Health and Social Services Centre. A copy of the minutes approved by the Board of Directors can be obtained through the Executive Director's office.

Executive Director's Report

Political Action Committee. It was decided that a table of priority actions will be drafted instead of setting up a new committee. The table will be submitted for the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Emergency Department Status. The situation in the Emergency is difficult. Over the last several weeks, 60% of the beds have been occupied by chronic or palliative care patients. The Executive Director's office and the Montreal Agency are working together to secure more long-term care beds.

Montreal Agency Network Management Committee. Long-term care beds, the mental health project and the establishment of FMGs and network clinics were the principal subjects discussed during this committee's last meeting.

Event to combat poverty. The panel representing the North-West quarter of the Island of Montreal presented a portrait of poverty in the West Island's north sector (delimited to the East and to the South by Highways 13 and 40 and to the North by Rivière-des-Prairies). In this part of the territory, 1 in every 7 people lives below the poverty line. The panel wishes to sensitize the population and put strategies in place to eliminate employment barriers. To this effect, an event to be presided over by Pierre Marsan, Member for Robert-Baldwin, will be announced shortly.

Long-term care beds. The West Island Health and Social Services Centre reached an agreement with Le Vivalis, a residential complex in Pointe-Claire for retirees needing personalized care, that will provide access to an additional 15 long-term care beds.

Implementation of the West Island Health and Social Services Centre

Executive Director's tour. Employees realize that progress is being made in the implementation of the Health and Social Services Centre. Personnel felt included in the consultation process. The climate internally is excellent. As Executive Director, this is very encouraging.

Committees of the Board

Human Resources Committee. 95% of the allocation plan has been achieved. Françoise Perreault congratulated the Human Resources Directorate for two initiatives; making hospital day care available over spring break and for the in-hospital visit by high schools.

Users' activities

Obligatory nosocomial infection surveillance programs. The rate of nosocomial infections at the West Island Health at Social Services Centre is below the Montreal average. Nine cases of *C. difficile*, two positive cases of VRE, four cases of gastroenteritis and 23 cases of MRSA had been reported by the time of this meeting.

Routine business

Nomination of Director of Human Resources. Patrick Dubé was named Director of Human Resources.

Agreement between Medistat's Family Medicine Group (FMG) and the West Island Health and Social Services Centre. The second FMG in our territory will be the Medistat Clinic. Statcare was the West Island Health and Social Services Centre's first FMG.

Next meeting. The next meeting will be held on March 31, 2008 at the Lakeshore General Hospital facility.